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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

There are very few internet providers in my area. The one I use for both phone and broadband uses DSL and costs me literally half of the price of any other competitor.

If my provider (Sonic) is eliminated from the market, the amount I pay will increase, and I fear monopolistic pricing (I used-to live in New York when there was only one telecom provider- Time Warner - for major network service - and the price-gouging and service quality were both detrimental to the consumer.

As a computer professional who has lived in many places, in the US and abroad, it is shocking to see the relative lack of competition, mediocre quality, and relatively high price of data services here. In large part, I see this as the result of bloated companies (AT&T, Comcast, etc) that make very little innovation with relatively simple technologies.

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